

Standing and moving breather solutions for a quasilinear wave equation

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For the quasilinear wave equation

$$g(x)\partial_t^2 u - \Delta u + \Gamma(x)\partial_t((\partial_t u)^3) = 0$$

with $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ we are proving the existence of standing ($n = 1$) and moving ($n = 2$) breather solutions, i.e., solutions which are localized in space and periodic in time.

Under appropriate conditions on g and Γ we examine standing breathers via variational methods and moving breathers via bifurcation theory. Some of our analytical results are complemented by numerical simulations.